between the period 1982-83 to 1987-88 was as under :—

	Bombay	Calcutta	Delhi	Madras
Passengers	41.8	58.4	47.4	54.3
Cargo	52.1	57.7	58.9	56.4

Saturation of line capacity on Panskura-Haldia Section

12. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the line capacity on Panskura-Haldia Section of South Eastern Railway has already saturated;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan for constructing another line to reduce the load on the section;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Development of Tourist Sports in West Bengal

13. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a whether there exists a big scope to develop more tourist spots in West Bengal to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes of the Central Government to develop such spots in West Bengal; and

(c) the details of facilities being given to develop this industry in the country, particularly in West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments for strengthening tourist infrastructure in the country by providing way-side amenities, tourist complexes, forest lodges, cafeterias, yatri niwases, watersports facilities, and equipment, fast food counters, beach resorts, trekking equipment, river rafting facilities, floodlighting and sound and light shows, boats and launches etc. In West Bengal the following schemes have been sanctioned in the first three years of the VII Plan.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1 2	3	4
1. Tourist Lodge at Digha	40.17	20.00
2. *SEL Show at Rabindra Bharati University*	*15.50*	10.00
3. Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling	47.39	10.00

1	2	3	4
4.	Yatrika at Mayapur	11.56	8.00
5.	Yatrika at Gangasagar	17.57	5.00
6.	Survey of Teesta and Rangit Rivers	0.32	0.32
7.	Cottage Block at Gadiara	23.10	5.00
8.	Tourist Accommodation at Shantiniketan	38.75	10.00
9.	Wayside facilities at Durgapur	26.38	4.00
10.	Tourist Complex at Mukutmanipur	44.68	10.00

Flow of foreign Tourists to West Bengal

14. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign tourists who visited West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the flow of foreign tourists to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) The number of foreign tourists who disembarked at various ports in West Bengal during the last 3 years are as given below :

1985	39,620
1986	37,882
1987	41,449

(b) The steps being taken for increasing the flow of foreign tourists to the State include—improvement of infrastructural facilities, wide-publicity of tourist attractions in West Bengal and allowing more international flights to Calcutta.

Halt station between Kesabpur and Mahisadal stations of S.E. Railway

15. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Railways have taken a decision not to set up a halt station between Kesabpur and Mahisadal stations in Panskura-Halidia Section of South-Eastern Railway after examining the matter; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : The proposal was examined but not found to be financially or operationally justified.

Airlink to places in West Bengal

16. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new airports including those at Asansol, Durgapur, Panagarh, Haldia, Digha in West Bengal are likely to appear on the map of Indian Airlines or Vayudoot in the near future;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and